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*Public invited to submit nominations . . .*

## **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TO CELEBRATE HUMAN RIGHTS ACHIEVEMENTS AT ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM**

**FREDERICK** - The Frederick County Human Relations Commission (HRC), a volunteer body that oversees area compliance with discrimination law, conducts hearings and forums into community issues and works to foster a spirit of multiculturalism in Frederick County, will present \$100 Henry L. Templeton Student Excellence Award “scholarships” to one student from each of Frederick County’s public high schools, one student from Saint John’s Catholic Prep and one student from the Maryland School for the Deaf.

The HRC will also award an individual with the Theodore W. Stephens Life Time Achievement Award, an individual or organization with the Lord D. Nickens Community Service Award and a business with the Human Relations Award. Nominations from the public are welcomed. In 500 words or less, describe why the nomination was submitted and which of the three awards the nomination is for. Please include name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address, as well as that of the nominee. Nominations should be submitted no later than April 1, 2013.

Angela Spencer, HRC Chair, commented, “Our goal is to showcase for the larger community the often unsung contributions made by Fredericktonians of all ages to enhance community relations and citizen empowerment in Frederick County. We also hope through this annual testimonial and gala to highlight how our 15-person, citizen commission encourages, educates and celebrates those who strive to work toward better human relations within our beautiful county.”

The awards will be presented at the HRC’s annual Awards Program, April 15, at Dutch’s Daughter, 581 Himes Avenue, Frederick, Md. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. (doors will open at 6:00 p.m.). The theme of this year’s program is, “In Remembrance of Lord D. Nickens, A Great Pillar of Character.” Guest speakers will include Senator Ronald Young and Kathy Ford (the niece of Mr. Nickens), who will share their memories of the late Mr. Nickens and speak about their human rights vision for Frederick County.

The event is open to reservations. Tickets are \$30 per person, and may be obtained by contacting the Human Relations Department at 301-600-1109 or 301-600-1110.

The Human Relations Commission generally meets the last Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Md. The meetings are open to the public, and attendance is encouraged.

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